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Maybe They'll Whistle . . .



But it takes more than looks to be the
Dream Woman of an Iowa State Man

By *Margret Wallace*

FOR YEARS now we women—and a lot of the women a generation or so ahead of us—have been trying to discover just what we have to be like to suit the masculine world. And for years now, no one has found a tight and rigid rule that will always work. It's doubtful if they ever will. But thinking that perhaps Iowa State men might be in agreement about some points, your editors of *The Iowa Home-maker* asked a good percentage of them about the subject.

Read their opinions; see how well you match up. Perhaps you'll discover you're one of the dream women of Iowa State. But remember that the man that rates first in your life may have ideas all of his own—and those ideas may add up to you, just the way you are.

Be an Equal

Here's what those Iowa State men had to say. They are emphatic in their cries for a dream woman who will treat them as an equal. They scoff at an inferior attitude on the woman's part and a superior attitude scares them away. As for her grades, they want them to be just about the same as theirs.

This dream woman, they say, should be capable of managing a budget and sharing the household responsibilities. But 70 of the 82 men said they didn't want her to be a career woman. They said they'd be much more satisfied if she'd stick to being a good cook and seamstress and raising at least three or four children.

It doesn't matter, apparently, where she wants to live. The men were divided in their wishes between a city, an Ames-size town, a small town and the country. The important thing to them is that she prefer a house—no small, cramped apartments for these men.

Her looks, they hasten to point out, are not too important. The men were nearly unanimous in wanting "more personality and average good looks" rather than outstanding beauty and little personality.

They do confess, though, that they like long hair

and blue eyes. Curly-hair rates, too. They were not as emphatic about height and weight.

She is neither shy nor forward—just in between, apparently. Some men said they preferred women without quick tempers, but a few liked a little ginger in their dream woman.

Quiet Type

They were nearly unanimous in wanting the more quiet type instead of a constant talker. But (middle of the road again) that doesn't mean you can soar to popularity by never opening your mouth. These men say their ideal can find entertainment in "just talking" rather than having to be continually on the go.

She likes sports and participates actively in them. She also likes to camp, hunt and fish, and this is quite important to the men. She likes to dance, too, although she is not necessarily a good jitterbug.

These Iowa State men enjoy both classical and popular music, so they want their dream women to like both, too. And she puts more than her ears into cultural things—she reads all kinds of books, light and serious. But she enjoys attending the movies, also.

The men divide in opinion on whether she needs to play bridge. But they agree that she should be well versed when it comes to world and national affairs.

You stand more chance to classify as a dream woman if you're a realist, but the men say it would be nice if you had a little idealism, too. One thing they insist upon is that their dream women be romantic, but they didn't define their use of this word.

Men can be inconsistent sometimes. Or maybe they are just being brave when they say that, although their dream woman must like her man's family and relatives, her own background is not so important.

As to her personal habits, the men don't care much whether she smokes or drinks. One thing is certain though: if she flirts, even mildly, with other men, they'll find themselves another dream woman!